

.CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

City Clerk's Office June 13, 2012

I hereby notify you that at twelve o'clock noon today the following items of business had been filed with this office and can be acted upon at the meeting in City Council Chambers, Room 200 at City Hall, 36 Court Street, **Monday evening June 18, 2012** at seven o'clock according to Section 12, Rules and Orders of the City Council.

Wayman Lee, Esq.
City Clerk

Roll Call

Present: Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, Zaida Luna, John A. Lysak, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; Absent Councilors E. Henry Twiggs.

**Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- (1.) Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Other Sources for Period Ending 5/31/12 (Mayor) #1730 - **Read and Patrick Burns, City Comptroller made presentation to the City Council relative to the period ending 5/31/12 with the City Council and the Report shows a balance budget for FY12. Mr. Burn said that the only Dispatch Department is carrying a deficit that should corrected with a transfer from Massachusetts Executive Office of Safety and Security Sate 911 Support Incentive Grant. Council received the Report by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent and he Report was put on file for the Finance Committee to discussion.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. The City Council Finance Committee met on June 18, 2012 (Councilors Rooke, Concepcion with Councilor Allen and Walsh also was in attendance) and Councilor Rooke gave a verbal report stating that the Committee had met with the Finance Team, members of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Pat Burns, City Comptroller, John Liebel and Kathy Breck from Law Department, Steve Lonergan, Treasurer/Collector, Rita Coppola-Wallace, Director Capital Asset Construction Department, Bokul Bhuiya, Springfield Parking Authority, Mario Mazza, Deputy Director DPW, William Mahoney, Director Humans Resources and Wayman Lee, City Clerk to discuss various transfers, hotel/motel tax, trash fee, Law Department settlement account and easement for Federal Courthouse Project, Parking Authority transfer, and increasing fees in the City. All were reported out favorably except the hotel/motel tax and trash fee. Council received the Report by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.
- B. Transfer \$182,500 from Comptrollers-Salary and Position Adjustments to Law Department-Settlements (Mayor) - **Read the first time on May 7, 2012 and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by John Liebel, Chief of Litigation for the Law Department stating that the transfer of \$182,500 thousand dollars from Comptrollers Salary and Position Adjustments to Law Department Settlement is to assist in settling 16 pending cases and Councilor Lysak said this matter had been heard in the Finance Committee and he had requested further information relative to insurance and is requesting that**

the Order be referred back to the Finance Committee until that information is received and was seconded by Williams and referred the Finance Committee by majority voice vote with Councilor Twiggs absent and Councilors Walsh and Lysak voting no.

Read the second time and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by and an explanation was given by LeeAnn Pasquini, Budget Director and John Liebel, Chief of Litigation for the Law Department stating that the transfer of \$182,500 thousand dollars from Comptrollers Salary and Position Adjustments to Law Department Settlement is to assist in settling 16 pending cases and passed by the following roll call vote: Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

- C. Transfer \$220,000 from Comptroller-Reserve for Contingency to Parking Clerk – Professional Services (Mayor) - Read the first time on May 7, 2012 and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by LeeAnn Pasquini, Budget Director stating that the transfer of \$220,000 thousand dollars from Comptrollers Reserve for Contingency to Parking Clerk –Professional Services is to fund on-street parking operations for the remainder of FY12 and these funds would be budgeted for FY13 and Councilor Lysak said this matter had been heard in the Finance Committee and he had requested further information and is requesting that the transfer be referred back to the Finance Committee until that information is received and was seconded by Edwards and referred the Finance Committee by majority voice vote with Councilor Twiggs absent.

Read the second time and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by LeeAnn Pasquini, Budget Director stating that the transfer of \$220,000 thousand dollars from Comptrollers Reserve for Contingency to Parking Clerk –Professional Services has been reduced to \$203,079 thousand dollars based on actual bills to fund on-street parking operations for the remainder of FY12 and these funds would be budgeted for FY13 and passed by the following roll call vote: Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

- C. Transfer \$404,509 from DPW (Enterprise Fund)-Salaries and Wages to DPW (Enterprise Fund)-Professional Services (Mayor) - Read the first time on May 7, 2012 and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by LeeAnn Pasquini, Budget Director and Al Chawlek, Director DPW stating that the transfer of \$404,509 thousand dollars from DPW (Enterprise Fund) – Salaries and Wages to DPW (Enterprise Fund – Professional Services to fund an increase in the tonnage and tipping fee. Councilor Lysak said this matter had been heard in the Finance Committee and he had requested further information and is requesting that the transfer be referred back to the Finance Committee until that information is received and was seconded by Edwards and referred the Finance Committee by majority voice vote with Councilor Twiggs absent.

Read the second time and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by LeeAnn Pasquini, Budget Director and Al Chawlek, Director DPW stating that the transfer of \$404,509 thousand dollars from DPW (Enterprise Fund) – Salaries and Wages to DPW (Enterprise Fund – Professional Services to fund an increase in the tonnage and

tipping fee for remainder of fiscal year and passed by the following roll call vote: Yes, Ten (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe; No, Two (2) Councilors Michael A. Fenton, James J. Ferrera, III; Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

- D. Amending the Code of the City of Springfield Chapter 67 – ORD #1 – Enumeration of Fees (Mayor) #1692 - Amending RO 1986 – Enumeration of Fees – (Mayor) - **Read on May 7, 2012** and explanation with given by LeeAnn Pasquini, Budget Director that the Ordinance is to update the City Clerk fees as a part of the Mayor's revenue enhancements package for approval by the City Council as part of the FY13 budget and said Ordinance passed 1st step and was referred to the Committee of Ordinance and Councilor Rooke made a Motion that the Ordinance to be sent to the committee and was seconded by Councilor Luna and was referred to the General Government Committee by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.

Passed 2nd step and was referred to the Committee on Enrollment and Clerk Lee stated that 3rd step could not be taken because the Ordinance had not been advertised for the time period required by Ordinance and law and 3rd step would be taken on June 18, 2012.

The City Council Committee on Enrollment met on June 18, 2012 and referred the Ordinance to the full City Council for passage and passed 3rd step to be ordained by the following roll call vote; Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent, One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

- E. Amending the Code of the City of Springfield Chapter 279 – ORD #2 - Charitable Solicitations (Mayor) #1693 - Amending RO 1986 – Charitable Solicitations Fee – (Mayor) - **Read on May 7, 2012** and explanation with given by LeeAnn Pasquini, Budget Director that the Ordinance is to update the charitable solicitations fee as a part of the Mayor's revenue enhancements package for approval by the City Council as part of the FY13 budget and said Ordinance passed 1st step and was referred to the Committee of Ordinance and Councilor Rooke made a Motion that the Ordinance to be sent to the committee and was seconded by Councilor Luna and was referred to the General Government Committee by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.

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- F. Amending the Code of the City of Springfield Chapter 110 – ORD #3 - Animal Fee (Mayor) #1694 - Amending RO 1986 – Animal Fees – (Mayor) - **Read on May 7, 2012** and explanation with given by LeeAnn Pasquini, Budget Director that the Ordinance is to

update the animal fees as a part of the Mayor's revenue enhancements package for approval by the City Council as part of the FY13 budget and said Ordinance passed 1st step and was referred to the Committee of Ordinance and Councilor Rooke made a Motion that the Ordinance to be sent to the committee and was seconded by Councilor Luna and was referred to the General Government Committee by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.

Passed 2nd step and was referred to the Committee on Enrollment and Clerk Lee stated that 3rd step could not be taken because the Ordinance had not been advertised for the time period required by Ordinance and law and 3rd step would be taken on June 18, 2012.

The City Council Committee on Enrollment met on June 18, 2012 and referred the Ordinance to the full City Council for passage and passed 3rd step to be ordained by the following roll call vote; Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent, One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

- G. Amending the Code of the City of Springfield Chapter 351 – ORD #4 – Tag/Garage Sales (Mayor) #1695 - Amending RO 1986 – Tag/Garage Sales Fees – (Mayor) - **Read on May 7, 2012 and explanation with given by LeeAnn Pasquini, Budget Director that the Ordinance is to update the tag/garage sales fees as a part of the Mayor's revenue enhancements package for approval by the City Council as part of the FY13 budget and said Ordinance passed 1st step and was referred to the Committee of Ordinance and Councilor Rooke made a Motion that the Ordinance to be sent to the committee and was seconded by Councilor Luna and was referred to the General Government Committee by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**

Councilor Fenton made a Motion to reduce the number of tag sales per year from 8 to 3 and was seconded by Councilor Rooke and the Motion failed by the following roll call vote: Yes, Six (6) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kenneth E. Shea, Michael A. Fenton, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, James J. Ferrera, III; No, Six (6), Councilors Kateri B. Walsh, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Thomas M. Ashe; Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

Passed 2nd step and was referred to the Committee on Enrollment and Clerk Lee stated that 3rd step could not be taken because the Ordinance had not been advertised for the time period required by Ordinance and law and 3rd step would be taken on June 18, 2012.

Councilor Fenton invoked City Council Rules and Orders, Rule 20 requiring a report from the Comptroller regarding the financial impact before a final vote.

Patrick Burns, City Comptroller made presentation to the City Council relative to Rule 20 indicating that the fee increase would generate an additional \$810 to \$3,250 depending on total number of tag sales per year.

Councilor Shea said that 8 tag sales are too many and what we should do is raise the fee from \$10 to \$15 or \$20 and not turn our neighborhoods into flea market and reduces the numbers to something than less than 8. Councilor Fenton made a motion to reduce number from 8 to 2 tag sales and was seconded by Councilor Shea and said

Motion Failed by the following roll call vote: Yes, Five (5) Councilors Kenneth E. Shea, Michael A. Fenton, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe; No, Seven (7), Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, James J. Ferrera, III; Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

Councilor Shea made a Motion to refer to the General Government Committee and was seconded by Councilor Allen and said Motion Passed by the following requested roll call vote: Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent, One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

- H. Amending RO 1986 – Building Code Fees – (Mayor) - Read on May 7, 2012 and explanation with given by LeeAnn Pasquini, Budget Director that the Ordinance is to update the building codes fees as a part of the Mayor’s revenue enhancements package for approval by the City Council as part of the FY13 budget and said Ordinance passed 1st step and was referred to the Committee of Ordinance and Councilor Rooke made a Motion that the Ordinance to be sent to the committee and was seconded by Councilor Williams and was referred to the Planning and Economic Development Committee by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**

The City Council Planning Economic and Development Committee met on May 24 and May 31, 2012 (Councilors Williams, Shea, Luna) and Councilor Williams gave a verbal and report stating that the Committee had met with owner Steve Desilets, Commissioner of the Code Enforcement Department who indicated that some building fees were raised in 2004 but some had not been raised in 17 years and presented a chart of the building fees in surrounding towns and cities and other major cities such as Worcester, Cambridge, Lowell, Albany, NY, Providence, RI, Hartford, CT showing that the fees in the Springfield are lower than all the surrounding towns. The Commissioner stated that these fees are not paid by everyone but only by developers for commercial buildings and some home owner for a one-time addition or repair. Council received the Report by a majority voice vote with Councilor Twiggs absent.

Passed 2nd step and was referred to the Committee on Enrollment and Clerk Lee stated that 3rd step could not be taken because the Ordinance had not been advertised for the time period required by Ordinance and law and 3rd step would be taken on June 18, 2012.

The City Council Committee on Enrollment met on June 18, 2012 and referred the Ordinance to the full City Council for passage and passed 3rd step to be ordained by the following roll call vote; Yes, Eleven (11) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent, One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs; Abstain, One (1) Councilor John A. Lysak.

- I. Amending RO 1986 – Animal Control Fees – (Mayor) - Read on May 7, 2012 and explanation with given by LeeAnn Pasquini, Budget Director that the Ordinance is to update the animal control fees as a part of the Mayor’s revenue enhancements package for approval by the City Council as part of the FY13 budget and said Ordinance passed 1st step and was referred to the Committee of Ordinance and Councilor Rooke**

made a Motion that the Ordinance to be sent to the committee and was seconded by Councilor Luna and was referred to the General Government Committee by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.

The City Council General Government Committee met on May 17, 2012 (Councilors Lysak, Edwards, Luna and Councilor Allen also was in attendance) and Councilor Lysak gave a verbal and written report stating that the Committee had met with the Finance Team and Pam Peeples, Director of the TJO Animal Control Center to discuss increasing some of the adoption and impounding fees. Council received the Report by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.

Passed 2nd step and was referred to the Committee on Enrollment and Clerk Lee stated that 3rd step could not be taken because the Ordinance had not been advertised for the time period required by Ordinance and law and 3rd step would be taken on June 18, 2012.

The City Council Committee on Enrollment met on June 18, 2012 and referred the Ordinance to the full City Council for passage and passed 3rd step to be ordained by the following roll call vote; Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent, One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

FINANCIAL ORDERS

- (2.) Transfer \$35,000 from Human Resources - Workman's Compensation - Indemnity to Human Resources - worker's Compensation - Medical Claims (Mayor) #1738 - **Read the first time and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by William Mahoney, Director of Department of Human Services stated that the transfer of \$35,000 thousand dollars from Human Services - Workers Compensation - Indemnity to Human Services - Worker Compensation - Medical Claims to pay medical claims for the rest of FY12 and read a second time and passed by the following roll call vote: Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.**
- (3.) Transfer \$20,000 from Collector - Salaries and Wages to City Treasurer - Professional Services (Mayor) #1726 - **Read the first time and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by Steven Lonergan, Treasurer/Collectors that the transfer of \$20,000 thousand dollars from Collector - Salaries and Wages to City Treasurer Professional Services to fund service fees associated with revenue collecting for outside firm for the remainder of the fiscal year and read a second time and passed by the following roll call vote: Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.**
- (4.) Transfer \$6,500 from Treasurer - Salaries and Wages to Treasurer - Professional Services (Mayor) #1729 - **Read the first time and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by Steven Lonergan, Treasurer/Collectors that the transfer of \$6,500 thousand dollars from Treasurer - Salaries and Wages to Treasurer - Professional Services to**

fund service fees associated with revenue collecting for outside firm for the remainder of the fiscal year and read a second time and passed by the following roll call vote: Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

- (5.) Transfer \$65,000 from Comptroller – Salary and Position Adjustments to Treasurer – Medicare Tax City Match (Mayor) #1728 - **Read the first time and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by Steven Lonergan, Treasurer/Collectors that the transfer of \$65,000 thousand dollars from Comptroller –Salary and Position Adjustments to Treasurer – Medicare Tax Match to fund the City’s match required contribution to Medicare for FY12 and read a second time and passed by the following roll call vote: Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.**
- (6.) Transfer \$2,100 from City Clerk – Postage & Delivery and Office Supplies to City Council – Advertising (Mayor) #1737 - **Read the first time and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by Wayman Lee, City Clerk that the transfer of \$2,100 thousand dollars from Postage & Delivery and Office Supplies to City Council – Advertising is to fund benefit payments deficit in the advertisement line item due the payments of \$1,400 in appeal and newspapers fees for the PRE action and read for a second time and passed by the following roll call vote: Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.**

NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

- (7.) From BPW re: Wilbraham Avenue – Installing PVC Conduits (WMECO) - **Read and the Council received the Report and Passed the Order by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**
- (8.) From BPW re: Fair Oak Road – Installing IP Gas Main (Columbia Gas of MA) - **Read and the Council received the Report and Passed the Order by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**
- (9.) From BPW re: Cottonwood Lane – Installing IP Gas Main (Columbia Gas of MA) - **Read and the Council received the Report and Passed the Order by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**

ORDERS

- (10.) Authorizing the Payment of Bills of Prior Year in the Amount of \$830.20 (Mayor) #1678 - **Read and an explanation was given by LeeAnn Pasquini, Budget Director that the bills are for FY11 for the Labor Relations Department (Philbin & Associates, Inc. - \$794.20) and Law Department (Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department \$36) for in the amount of \$830.20 and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**
- (11.) Authorizing the Expenditure of Grant Funds in the Amount of \$182, 962.00 – Emergency

- Solutions Grant (ESG) FY2011 Second Allocation (Mayor) #1722 - **Read and an explanation was given by Gerry McCarthy, Director of the Office of Housing that the grant was from US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Emergency Solutions Grant in the amount of \$182,962 to support the homeless crisis response system already established to aid in preventing homelessness among individuals and families by offering diversion and rehousing assistance and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**
- (12.) Authorizing the Expenditure of Grant Funds in the Amount of \$263,261 – State 911 Support Incentive Grand – 2nd Allocation (Mayor) #1723 - **Read and an explanation was given by Melissa Nazzaro, Director of the Dispatch Department that the grant was from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Safety and Security Sate 911 Support Incentive Grant to be used to pay City dispatchers salaries in the amount of \$263.261 and this is the 2nd allocation bring the total to over \$600 thousand dollars per year and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**
- (13.) Authorizing the Expenditure of Grant Funds in the Amount of \$726,840 – 2011 McKinney – Vento Homeless Grant (Mayor) #1724 - **Read and an explanation was given by Gerry McCarthy, Director of the Office of Housing that the grant was from US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$726,840 to provide homeless assistance to communities and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**
- (14.) Bond Order – Dryden Renovations \$14,397,142 (Mayor) #1731 - **Read and on a request from LeeAnn Pasquini the Order was withdrawn because the bid has come in higher than expected for certain work and needed to re-bided and Councilor Rooke made a Motion to allow the withdrawn and was seconded by Councilor Williams and said Motion to Withdraw was granted by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**
- (15.) Authorizing the Expenditure of Grant Funds in the Amount of \$306,888 – Shelter Plus Care Renewals (Mayor) #1739 - **Read and an explanation was given by Gerry McCarthy, Director of the Office of Housing that the grant was from US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Shelter Plus Care Renewal Grant in the amount of \$306,888 to provide rental assistance for formerly homeless individuals to rent units in a scattered site model and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**
- (16.) Authorizing the Expenditure of Grant Funds in the Amount of \$868,841 – Supportive Housing Program Renewals (Mayor) #1740 - **Read and an explanation was given by Gerry McCarthy, Director of the Office of Housing that the grant was from US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Supportive Housing Program Renewal Grant in the amount of \$868,841 to support a number of supportive and transitional housing programs that serve formerly homeless individuals and families and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**
- (17.) Appropriation of \$15,700 for Taking of Permanent and Temporary Easements for the Spring/Elliot /Edwards Street Traffic Improvement Project (Mayor) #1735 - **Read and an explanation was given by Kathleen Breck, Deputy City Solicitor that the Order is the appropriation Order for Taking 2 permanent and 29 temporary Easements on Spring, Chestnut, Elliot and Edwards Streets for the Spring Street/Elliot Street/Edwards**

Street Traffic Improvement Project to be constructed by MassDOT and the Easement for the payment \$15,700 and the Easement passed by the following roll call vote: Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

- (18.) Order of Taking for Permanent and Temporary Easements for the Spring/Elliot /Edwards Street Traffic Improvement Project (Mayor) #1736 - **Read and an explanation was given by Kathleen Breck, Deputy City Solicitor that the Order for Taking 2 permanent and 29 temporary Easements on Spring, Chestnut, Elliot and Edwards Streets for the Spring Street/Elliot Street/Edwards Street Traffic Improvement Project to be constructed by MassDOT and the Easement for the payment \$15,700 and the Easement passed by the following roll call vote: Yes, Twelve (12) Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Melvin A. Edwards, Bud L. Williams, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, James J. Ferrera, III; No, None (0); Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.**
- (19.) Order Accepting MGL Chapter 64G section 3A Local Excise Tax Option (Mayor) #1742 - **Read and an explanation was given by Lee Erdmann, CAFO that this acceptance would raise the current hotel/motel tax from 4% to 6% as part of the revenue enhancement package requested by the Mayor to generate an additional \$400,000 in revenue. Councilor Rooke stated that the increase was heard in the Finance Committee early tonight and the Finance Committee had requested additional information from Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau for a cost analysis that explain how much hotel/restaurant business would be lost if the tax was increased. Councilor Rooke made a Motion to refer back to Finance Committee until the report is received in about a week and was seconded by Councilor Shea and said Motion passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**

REPORTS AND ORDERS OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

- (20.) Acceptances – Cabinet Street, Duggan Circle, Louis Road, Newhouse Street, Old Farm Road (2), Park Forest Road, Pembroke Circle, Valley Road, (2) and Village Road – **Read and an explanation was given by Al Chawlek, DPW Director that the City is accepting these streets as public way and will be able to use Chapter 90 money for repairs and paving and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor E. Henry Twiggs absent.**

ORDINANCES

- (21.) Amending the Code of the City of Springfield Chapter 327 – ORD #5 – Trash Fee (Mayor) #1741 - **Read and an explanation was given by Lee Erdmann, CAFO and Al Chawlek, DPW Director that the Mayor updated recommendation a \$10 increase in 1st year and a \$5 a year for next 4 years and an increase in the Trash Demand Fee from \$5 to \$15 and the Trash fee would raise about \$400,000 and the Demand Fee would raise about \$20,000 per year. Councilor Rooke asked if the City has heard back from the State on its lobbying efforts on a 9 point plan for more revenue. Erdmann stated that the City has not heard from the State, except that the State would not allow the use of \$5 million from the “Promise Scholarship Program” and the State is aware of the June 30 deadline. Erdmann said the Mayor is in contact with the Governor and local delegation**

on the 9 point plan. Councilor Rooke asked for a formal update within a week and Erdmann said that he could give a written report of the status of each of the 9 revenue items. Councilor Walsh stated that the City Council should be invited to go to Boston the next time there is presentation made to the Governor and General Court because we are all in this together. Councilor Fenton stated that he is opposed this version of the Trash Fee and the proposal should be rejected and new proposal should be submitted. Councilor Shea said that raising fees is “never easy” and had groups come down tonight requesting to re-open “libraries” but revenue has to come from somewhere and the Mayor’s budget gives the average property owner a \$146 break and that the City would just be asking for \$10 back next year if the trash fee were increased. Councilor Edwards said that this is not just a \$10 increase but a \$35 increase because it for 4 years and he would be in favor of one year \$10 increase and have the City come back next year and each year in the future. Edwards also said it does matter whether the City increase the Trash Fee or an insurance company is increasing its premiums because we are closing fire stations every additional dollar out his pocket is income he does not have for his household. Councilor Allen said he generally agrees with hiking the trash fee, but disagrees with the way the Mayor figured it into his budget as anticipated revenue but he would like to see a created proposal that tied the an increase in the Trash Fee to re-opening the libraries otherwise he cannot support the Trash Fee as proposed. Councilor Concepcion said that either you increase the fees and taxes or you cut services because the Council cannot have it both ways because citizens complain they want the service and but do not raise my taxes or fees. Councilor Williams said that he hopes that matter stay in Committee so that they can work out the Trash Fee issues. Councilor Williams made a Motion to refer to Committee and was seconded by Councilor Walsh and said referral to Committee Failed by the following requesting roll call vote: Yes, Five (5) Councilors Kateri B. Walsh, Kenneth E. Shea, Bud L. Williams, Timothy C. Allen, Thomas M. Ashe;; No, Seven (7), Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Melvin A. Edwards, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy J. Rooke, James J. Ferrera, III; Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

On the Trash Fee 1st step referral to the Committee on Ordinances a roll call was requested by Councilor Fenton and Failed by the following roll call votes: Yes, Three (3) Councilors Kenneth E. Shea, Bud L. Williams, Thomas M. Ashe; No, Nine (9), Councilors Clodo Concepcion, Kateri B. Walsh, Melvin A. Edwards, Michael A. Fenton, John A. Lysak, Zaida Luna, Timothy C. Allen, Timothy J. Rooke, James J. Ferrera, III; Absent One (1) Councilor E. Henry Twiggs.

MATTERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Special Permit – 603 Hendee Street - **No Action Taken.**

Authorizing the Mayor to Seek Legislation Entitled “An Act Providing for the Term of Office of the City Council and School Committee in the City of Springfield” (Twiggs, Walsh) #1698 - **No Action Taken.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Possible Public Speak-out time at 6:30 P.M.